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RESOLUTIONS.

At a Joint Special General Meeting of the Members of the Colonial Society and of the Colonial Society Club, held on Thursday, the 2nd day of December 1841, to receive the Report of the Committees of Management of the Colonial Society, and of the Colonial Society Club—made in conformity with the Resolutions passed at the Special General Meetings of the Society and Club, requesting the Committees to revise, consider, and report upon the Principles and Rules submitted by the Provisional Committee for the Amalgamation of the Two Bodies,—The following Resolutions were Adopted.

Lt. Col. Sir Duncan McDougall, K.C.S.F.,
in the Chair.

The Notice convening the Meeting and the Report the Joint Committees were read by the Secretary.

It was then moved, seconded, and Resolved,

That the Recommendations contained in the Report of the Joint Committees be put *seriatim* for the consideration of this Meeting.

The following RESOLUTIONS on such Recommendations were then put and carried.

1. "That all the Engagements and Liabilities of the COLONIAL SOCIETY and of the COLONIAL SOCIETY CLUB, be adopted in their fullest extent by the Amalgamated Body, in conjunction with all Members of the Two Bodies belonging to them on the 2nd day of December, 1841, fairly proportioned to the Two Bodies as Members of the COLONIAL SOCIETY *only*, or as Members both of the COLONIAL SOCIETY *and* of the COLONIAL SOCIETY CLUB."

2. "That the whole Subscription to the Amalgamated Body be Six Guineas only."

3. "That Members of the COLONIAL SOCIETY *only*, and Candidates for the same approved by the Committee of that Society on or before the 18th August, 1841, be, subject to the approval of the Committee of Management of the Amalgamated Body, at liberty to become Members of the Amalgamated Body, on payment of the like annual Subscription and an Entrance Fee of Ten Guineas."

4. "That the annual Subscription of any of the above Members being Life Subscribers to the Society, be, in consideration of the composition already paid by them, less in amount by Two Guineas than that of an ordinary Member."

5. "That no Member of the Society be privileged to join the Amalgamated Body on the payment of the Entrance Fee of Ten Guineas, unless his desire be signified in writing to the Secretary on or before the Annual General Meeting in [the first Wednesday in June,] 1842, if such Candidate be resident in the United Kingdom, and on or before the 1st January, 1843, if abroad, or unless the delay shall be justified to the satisfaction of the Committee."

6. "That Members of the Colonial Society *only*, not desirous to participate in all the advantages of the Amalgamated Body, be at liberty to continue in the enjoyment of all their present rights upon payment of an annual Subscription not exceeding one-half of that to be paid by Members desirous to participate in all the advantages of the Amalgamated Body, subject to the rules and alterations of future General Meetings. Life Subscribers excepted, whose composition already paid shall in this case relieve them from the annual Subscription."

7. "That such permission shall not extend to any present Member of the Society and Club desirous to secede from the latter, unless his desire be signified in writing to the Secretary on or before the 31st December, 1841, if such member be resident in the United Kingdom, and on or before the 1st January, 1843, if abroad."

8. "That, for the purpose of spreading through the Colonies the influence of this Society, and of securing the

valuable aid and information thence to be derived, ASSOCIATED MEMBERS be received on the following conditions:

"Gentlemen residing in the Colonies shall be eligible to become ASSOCIATED MEMBERS of the COLONIAL SOCIETY (subject to the Ballot, and to be proposed by one Member and seconded by another), on an annual payment of Two Guineas, and on occasional visits to the United Kingdom they shall be entitled to the privileges of Members—such visits not to exceed three months in any one year. Provided that they be proposed and seconded previous to the 1st of January, 1843, or that they pay three years' Subscriptions."

"ASSOCIATED MEMBERS shall not be entitled to vote on the affairs of the Society."

9. "That the superintendence of Colonial Matters be entrusted to SECTIONAL COMMITTEES; and that the results of their deliberations, if confirmed by the General Committee of Management, be acted upon solely by the authority of that Committee."

10. "That in addition to the SECTIONAL COMMITTEES enumerated in the 23rd Rule, a sixth should be formed 'ON EMIGRATION GENERALLY.'"

11. "That the Amalgamated Body be named the COLONIAL SOCIETY.'"

THE RULES as appended hereto, for the government of the COLONIAL SOCIETY having been adopted *seriatim*,

It was subsequently moved, seconded, and UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED,

"That the COLONIAL SOCIETY and the COLONIAL SOCIETY CLUB be Amalgamated, subject to the Resolutions, Rules, and Regulations passed this day, and that such Resolutions, Rules, and Regulations be henceforth the Rules and Regulations of the COLONIAL SOCIETY."

It was then moved, seconded, and RESOLVED,

"That the Proceedings of this day be printed and circulated amongst the Members, and that the same be inserted in such Public Journals as the Committee of Management may deem expedient."

Sir Duncan Macdougal having left the Chair, the best thanks of the Meeting were unanimously tendered to him for the very able and impartial manner in which he had presided over the Meeting, and a Ballot having been opened, the following Noblemen and Gentlemen were Elected as

Trustees.

His Grace the Duke of Argyle
The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Mount Cashell
The Rt. Hon. Lord Clifford.

Committee of Management.

Argyle, the Duke of
Barber, Capt. James

Bliss, Henry, Esq.
Bowes, John, Esq., M. P.
Brooking, T. H., Esq.
Brown, F. C., Esq.
Burge, William, Esq., Q.C.
Cadogan, Major H.
Campbell, Lt. Col. H. D.
Cavan, James, Esq.
Chapman, Ingram, Esq.
Chisholm, The
Clifford, Lord
Cooke, W. B., Esq.
Cunard, Samuel, Esq.
D'Este, Sir Augustus, K.C.H.
Douglas, James Stoddart, Esq., M.P.
Freeman, T. I. W., Capt.
Gillespie, R. Jun., Esq.
Grant, David, Esq.
Hodge, L. L., Esq.
Irving, James, Esq.
King, Hon. James
Lyall, J. E., Esq.
Macdonald, Capt. Alexander
Macdougall, Sir D., K.C.S.F.
Macgregor, Alexander, Esq.
Martin, R. M., Esq.
Mathew, Capt. G. B.
Money, C. F. S., Esq.
Mount Cashell, the Earl of
Nugent, Nichs., Esq., M.D.

Pemberton, W., Esq.
Petre, Lord
Taylor, Lt. Col. Pringle, K.H.
Waterfield, Chas., Esq.

By order of

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT,

JULIUS LE SOUËF,

SECRETARY.

COLONIAL SOCIETY'S HOUSE,
15, *St. James' Square.*
2nd December, 1841.

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RULES

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF

THE COLONIAL SOCIETY.

I. The "Colonial Society" shall consist of all Persons interested in the welfare of the British Colonies or Possessions abroad. Constitution of the Society.

II. The Society shall not be limited as to the number of Members. Number of Members.

III. Politics of every description, except Questions relating to the Colonies, shall be absolutely excluded from the objects of the Society. Politics excluded.

IV. Election to the Society shall be by Ballot. Election by Ballot.

V. Each Candidate for admission shall be proposed by one Member and seconded by another, both of whom shall be answerable for the eligibility of such Candidate. The name of the Candidate, his usual place of residence, Admission of Members.

his profession or occupation, and the name of the Colony, if any, with which he is connected, shall be previously inserted in the Book of Candidates. The names of the Proposer and Seconder shall be in their own handwriting; that of the Proposer shall be annexed at the time of proposal, and that of the Seconder at least a week before the name can be put up for ballot.

Eligibility of Candidates.

VI. No Candidate shall be eligible to be a Member of the Society, until he shall have attained the age of twenty-one years. Any Candidate for admission who shall have been rejected by ballot, shall not be eligible to be put up again for election, until the expiration of six months from the date of his rejection, and if he be rejected a second time, he shall not be put up again.

Ballot first and third Wednesdays in certain months.

VII. The ballot shall take place between the hours of four and six P.M., on the first and third Wednesdays of the months of

January,	June,
February,	July,
March,	November,
April,	and
May,	December;

and no ballot shall take place between the last Wednesday in July and the first Wednesday in November. No ballot shall be valid unless thirty Members actually ballot; and one black

ball in ten shall exclude. A list of the Candidates, with the names of their Proposers and Seconders, shall be put up in the Principal Drawing Room and Coffee Room of the Society at least a week before the day of ballot, dated and signed by the Secretary.

Two Members of the Committee of Management, and the Secretary, shall open the boxes and declare the result.

Notification of Election by Secretary.

VIII. On the admission of each new Member, the Secretary shall notify the same to him (in duplicate if abroad) and shall furnish him with a printed copy of the Rules for the time being, and shall request him to remit to the BANKERS of the Society an order for the amount of whatever Entrance Fee or Subscription shall be due from him, the payment of which shall be considered as distinctly implying his acquiescence in, and subjection to, the Rules of the Society, but a Member shall not be absolved from the effect of such Rules on any allegation of not having received them.

Entrance Fees and Subscriptions to be paid to the Bankers of the Society.

Addresses of Members.

IX. Each Member of the Society shall communicate his address, or that of his Banker or Agent, from time to time to the Secretary; and all notices delivered at, or sent by post directed to, such address, shall be considered sufficient.

Entrance Fee and Annual Subscription.

X. The Entrance Fee on admission shall be Twenty Guineas, and One Guinea to a Library Fund, such fund to be exclusively appropriated to the purchase of books, maps, &c., and the Annual Subscription shall be Six Guineas, payable in advance on the 1st of January in each year, but, where due from a Member elected after the 1st of November in any year, such Subscription shall be then received as the Subscription of that Member due on the subsequent 1st of January.

When due.

Disabilities by non-payment of Fees and Subscriptions.

XI. No new Member shall be admitted to vote on any occasion whatever, or to enjoy any of the privileges of the Society, until he shall have paid whatever Entrance Fee or Subscription shall be due from him; and no Member of the Society shall be allowed to vote at a ballot, or to act as a Member of the Committee, until he shall have paid his subscription for the then current year.

Time allowed to new Members for paying Fees and Subscriptions.

XII. If any new Member shall not pay the Entrance Fee or Subscription due from him within three months from the date of his admission to the Society, or within twelve months if abroad, the Secretary shall report accordingly to the Committee, who shall cause his name to be erased from the List of Members, unless the delay can be justified to the satisfaction of the Committee.

Consequence of non-payment of the same.

XIII. The name of every Member failing to pay his annual subscription due on the 1st of January, shall be exhibited in the Principal Drawing Room and Coffee Room of the Society on the 1st of March, if not then paid; notice of which shall be sent to him, or to his Banker or Agent, by the Secretary; and if the Subscription be not paid on or before the 1st of May, the Secretary shall report accordingly to the Committee, who shall cause his name to be erased from the List of Members: but the name of such Member may be restored by the Committee if the cause of omission be explained to their satisfaction. Defaulters how dealt with.

XIV. Any Member who may be absent from the United Kingdom during the whole period within which the Annual Subscription is payable, may be considered as a SUPERNUMERARY MEMBER, and be exempted from the Subscription during the continuance of such absence; but, the name of any Member availing himself of this indulgence must be previously entered by the Secretary in the "Book of Supernumerary Members." Such Members shall be re-admitted to all their privileges upon their return being notified in writing to the Secretary, provided that such notification be given within one month of their return to the United Kingdom, and upon payment of their Subscription for the then current year—which Subscription, if due and paid after the 1st of Novem- Supernumerary Members.

ber, shall be then received as the Subscription due on the subsequent 1st of January—and failing in such notification, such Members shall be considered as having withdrawn themselves from the Society.

Honorary Members.

XV. The Committee of Management shall have power to elect, from time to time, without ballot, any Princes of the Blood Royal, Cabinet Ministers, Bishops, and any Distinguished or Eminent Individuals, to be HONORARY MEMBERS of the Society. At such Election six at least of the Committee shall be present, and all concur therein.

Associated Members.

XVI. Gentlemen residing in the Colonies shall be eligible to become ASSOCIATED MEMBERS of the COLONIAL SOCIETY (subject to the Ballot, and to be proposed by one Member and seconded by another), on an annual payment of Two Guineas,—and on occasional Visits to the United Kingdom they shall be entitled to the privileges of Members—such Visits not to exceed three months in any one year. Provided that they be proposed and seconded previous to the 1st of January, 1843, or that they pay three years' subscriptions.

ASSOCIATED MEMBERS shall not be entitled to vote on the affairs of the Society.

XVII. When any person shall have been elected a Member of the Society, whether by

the Committee of Management or General Ballot, and it shall become known to the Committee that the Individual is an unfit or improper person; or when any such election shall have taken place in consequence of any misrepresentation or concealment as to the conduct, character, or respectability of the Individual elected; or when any Member shall wilfully infringe any of the Rules or Regulations, or Ordinances of the Committee of Management, such Committee shall have power to remove his name from the List of Members, the decision on the removal being by ballot, provided there is at least one half of the Committee of Management present, and of whom not less than two-thirds vote for his expulsion. Should such Member dispute the propriety of his removal by the Committee, a Special General Meeting shall be convened by the Committee, and the sense thereof on the question of expulsion, taken by ballot, shall be decisive. Between the decision of the Committee, and the final decision of the General Meeting, such Member shall be suspended from all the privileges of the Society; and any Member so expelled, whether by the Committee or a General Meeting, or any Member who shall resign or cease to belong to the Society, shall forfeit, *ipso facto*, all right or claim upon the Society, or its property, or funds; and sha.. .ease to be a Member without appeal.

Expulsion of Members.

Visitors.

XVIII. The Committee of Management shall have power to invite Gentlemen of any Country, whose names shall have been proposed to them by letter from any Member of the Society, to become VISITORS (without Admission Fee or Subscription) during any *temporary* residence in England, and to enjoy all the advantages of the Society (that of voting and introducing a friend excepted). The number so to be elected not to exceed Twenty at any one time, and for a period not exceeding three months in any one year. The names of such persons, with the name of the Member proposing them, shall be entered by the Secretary in a Book to be kept for that purpose. No person permanently resident in England shall be admitted under this Rule.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

Number of Committee.

XIX. The Committee of Management shall consist of thirty-six Members, to be chosen by ballot at a General Meeting to be held on the 2nd day of December, 1841. And in the year 1843, and all subsequent years, one-third of such Committee (the first twelve by lot; the second twelve also by lot—to be confined to the then remaining twenty-four original Members; and subsequently by rotation) shall retire on the first Wednesday in June; and shall be replaced at an Annual Meeting to be held on that day by twelve Members nominated

Election.

by the Committee, a list of whose names shall be posted in the Principal Drawing Room and Coffee Room of the Society, fourteen days before such Meeting; the retiring Members to be eligible to re-election; but any Member of the Society shall be at liberty to propose for the Committee any other name or names upon giving to the Committee for the time being seven days' notice thereof; in which case the Election shall be by Ballot.

Members may propose Committee.

XX. Every vacancy in the Committee of Management, prior to the Annual General Meeting, shall be filled up by the person having had the greatest number of Votes, but not having been elected at the last ballot, and the Individual so chosen shall continue in office so long as the person, in whose stead he may be elected, would have been entitled to remain.

Vacancies in Committee.

XXI. Any Member of the Committee of Management not attending for the space of six months shall be, *ipso facto*, out of the Committee; and such vacancy shall be filled up forthwith.

Members of Committee not attending.

XXII. The Committee of Management shall have the sole and entire management of the Society, as well with respect to the hiring or purchase of a suitable house, furniture, &c., as to the income, funds, and property; and shall have the exclusive right of appointing

Powers of Committee.

the Bankers, Secretary, and Servants of the Society; of removing such; and of prescribing their respective duties; and shall hold an ordinary meeting at least once in every week, at a fixed hour, to transact current business, to audit the accounts, and to confirm the proceedings of the preceding week, and five shall form a quorum; and shall assemble when and as often as they think fit, with power of adjournment, to do all such acts as shall appear to them, or the majority of them then present, necessary or fitting to be done, in order to carry into full operation and effect the objects and purposes of this Society—Minutes of their proceedings being entered in a book to be kept for that purpose. The Secretary shall have no other occupation than the affairs of the Society.

To hold weekly Meetings.

Five a Quorum.

Minutes of proceedings.

Sectional Committees.

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XXIII. The Committee of Management shall elect from the General body of the Colonial Society Sectional Committees consisting of twelve or more Members each, for the following Sections of our Transmarine Possessions:—

Classification.

1. Africa and Mauritius.
2. Austral-Asia and New Zealand.
3. East Indies, China, and Mediterranean.
4. North America.

5. West Indies and South America.
6. On Emigration generally.

XXIV. The Sectional Committees shall watch over the interests of their respective Divisions; and, should measures at home or abroad, affecting the interests of any particular Section or Sections, seem to them to be of such a nature as to render advisable the interference and aid of the whole body of the Society, it shall be their duty to represent the same to the Committee of Management, who thereon shall convene a Special General Meeting of the Members of the Society, that the question may be treated as shall appear best with reference, not only to the benefit of any one Colony, but to the interests of the British Empire at large. Objects and Duties.

XXV. The Sectional Committees shall frame their own Bye Laws. Bye Laws.

XXVI. Nothing shall be published by the Sectional Committees as the act of the "Colonial Society," or of the "Sectional Committees" until approved of and confirmed by the Committee of Management; and the signature of the Secretary of the Society shall be affixed thereto. Publication of Proceedings.

XXVII. Minutes of the proceedings of the Sectional Committees shall be entered in books to be kept for that purpose. Minutes.

Hon. Members.

XXVIII. The SECTIONAL COMMITTEES shall have power to invite Peers, Members of Parliament, and other distinguished individuals, to become HONORARY MEMBERS of their several SECTIONAL COMMITTEES.

TRUSTEES AND AUDITORS.

Trustees.

XXIX. There shall be not less than three Trustees, to be chosen by ballot at a General Meeting, in whose names, under the direction of the Committee of Management, all securities shall be taken and investments made; the whole property of the Society being, notwithstanding, subject to the disposition of the Committee of Management; and their order in writing, or that of any five of them, countersigned by the Secretary, shall be obligatory upon and full authority for the Trustees; and if any Trustee decline to act, or shall become disqualified as a Trustee, by residing permanently abroad, or otherwise, he shall be replaced by another to be named by the Committee of Management—subject to the approval of the next General Meeting of the Society. Trustees shall be *ex officio* Members of the Committee of Management, but shall not be entitled to vote in the Committee upon Questions relating to the investment of the Funds, or the sale of the Securities in which the same shall be invested, previously to the

Disqualification.

Ex officio Members of Committee.

appropriation of such Funds to the uses of the Society.

XXX. There shall be three Auditors elected annually at the first Annual Meeting from a list of three or more nominated by the Committee, not being Members thereof, or from any other names that shall be then proposed, seven days; notice thereof having been first given to the Committee; who shall audit the accounts annually—Two to be a Quorum. Auditors.

ANNUAL AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS.

XXXI. There shall be two Meetings of the Society held yearly: the first Meeting on the first Wednesday in June, for the purpose of receiving a report and abstract of the state of the accounts and general concerns of the Society for the past year from the Committee of Management, together with an Estimate of the Receipts and Disbursements of the current year—(which Report and Estimate shall be immediately printed for the use of the Members;) of electing one-third of the Committee of Management for the ensuing year; of electing three Auditors; and of receiving propositions for any new rule, or alteration of any existing rule. The second Meeting on that day fortnight, to decide on such propositions —(all of which shall be exhibited during that fortnight in the Principal Drawing Room Two Annual Meetings. Business thereat.

and Coffee Room, with the name of their Proposer and Seconder, and be printed and added to the Report;) and for the purpose of confirming the Report of the Committee of Management.

Annual Meetings.

XXXII. The Chair at all Annual or Special General Meetings shall be taken at two o'clock precisely.

Special General Meetings

XXXIII. If, at any other time, it shall appear expedient to adopt any new Rule, or to alter any old one, or to make any other proposition which may appear to the Committee of Management to require the sanction of a Special General Meeting, that Committee may call such Meeting on giving fourteen days' notice thereof, (unless it be at the instance of any Sectional Committee on a matter of urgent importance relating to any Colonial question,) specifying, in the form of a Resolution, the subject intended to be submitted; and the discussion at the Meeting shall be confined to that subject only. No Meeting for the adoption of any new Rule, or the alteration of any old one, shall be held between the 30th day of September and the 1st day of February in any year. The Committee of Management shall also call a Special General Meeting, on the written requisition of Thirty Members, under restrictions similar to the preceding;

but no question shall be discussed, and no proposition voted, which shall not have been distinctly stated in the requisition for such Meeting. In case the proposition to be discussed should be connected with the conduct of any Member, a ballot shall take place as to the result; but if that result should tend to the expulsion of the party, two-thirds of a Meeting of at least Forty Members must concur therein.

Minutes of Meetings.

XXXIV. Minutes of proceedings at every Annual and Special General Meeting shall be entered in a book to be provided for that purpose, and signed by the Chairman.

Notice of Annual and Special General Meetings.

XXXV. All notices of Annual or Special General Meetings signed by the Secretary by order of the Committee, shall be posted up in the Principal Drawing Room and Coffee Room of the Society, and advertised in two morning and two evening newspapers, at least fourteen days before the day for holding the same, (unless it be at the instance of any Sectional Committee on a matter of urgent importance relating to any Colonial question,) and if the Committee of Management shall deem it advisable, the object of such Meeting shall be stated therein.

Special General Meetings. Forty quorum.

XXXVI. No business shall be transacted at any Special General Meeting, unless Forty Members be present at the time appointed for the Chair to be taken, or within half an

hour afterwards, and no Resolution shall be passed at any such Meeting unless Forty Members vote, and the Meeting shall be dissolved on the motion of any Member should the number present not exceed Twenty.

Power of Adjournment.

Notice.

XXXVII. Every Annual or Special General Meeting shall have power to adjourn to a future day if such Meeting shall think proper to break up before the whole of the business shall have been concluded; and notice of such adjournment shall be posted up in the Principal Drawing Room and Coffee Room of the Society.

Chairman to have casting vote.

XXXVIII. And in all Meetings, whether of any of the Committees or of the Society at large, the Chairman shall have a casting vote on all questions, in addition to his own vote.

Library, Newspapers, &c.

Library.

XXXIX. A Library shall be formed under the direction of the Committee of Management; and a book shall be kept for the purpose of recording the names of Donors with their Donations.

Reading Room. Newspapers, &c., &c.

XL. There shall be provided by the Committee of Management, for the Reading Room of the Society, a supply of British and Colonial Newspapers, Reviews, Magazines, and other Periodical Works.

XLI. No Pamphlet, Advertisement, or Notice of any kind shall be laid on the table, or put up in the Society, by any one without the sanction of the Committee of Management, and the signature of the Secretary attached thereto.

No Notice, Book, &c., admitted unless sanctioned by Committee.

XLII. Any Member who shall take, or cause to be taken away, from the Society on any pretence whatever, (without the special leave of the Committee of Management,) or who shall wilfully injure or destroy any Book, Map, Pamphlet, Newspaper, or any article, the property of the Society, shall be liable to expulsion, at the pleasure of the Committee, on proof thereof.

No property to be removed from Institution.

COFFEE ROOM, &c.

XLIII. Any Member of the Society (under certain restrictions, to be from time to time regulated by the Committee of Management) shall have the privilege of introducing one or two friends to breakfast or dine in the Coffee Room of the Society, it being understood that no Member will avail himself of this privilege unless the guests are entertained at his sole expense; and that any breach of this rule shall be visited with expulsion.

Any Member may introduce two friends to dinner.

XLIV. No provisions cooked in the Society's House, or wines or liquors, shall be sent out of the House on any pretence whatever. Members may cause Game, Venison, and Turtle to

No provisions cooked or liquors to be sent out of the House.

be brought into the House, and cooked for their use therein, subject to such charges as may be fixed upon by the Committee of Management.

All complaints to be referred to Committee.

XLV. Any defect in a breakfast or dinner, complained of on the back of a bill, and signed by the Member so complaining, shall be especially noticed by the Committee in settling the weekly accounts, and any inattention or improper conduct of a Servant shall not be made the subject of a personal reprimand by any Member, but shall be stated in a letter signed by the Member complaining, which letter, being put into the Secretary's box, shall be laid before the Committee at the next Weekly Meeting.

Personal reprimand to be avoided.

Members to pay their bills immediately. No accounts to be kept.

XLVI. All Members are to pay their Bills for every expense they incur in the House before they leave the same; the Steward having positive orders not to open accounts with any Member.

General.

No game of Hazard to be played.

XLVII. No game of Loo or Hazard shall on any account be played, nor dice used in the Society, except at Backgammon, to be played in the Smoking Room. No higher stake than half-crown points shall be played for, nor shall any bet exceed ten shillings.

Any deviation from this Rule shall render the offending party liable to expulsion. Consequence of infringing this Rule.

XLVIII. No Member shall on any account bring a dog into the House. Dogs not admitted.

XLIX. No smoking shall be permitted in the House, except in the room set apart for that purpose. Smoking.

L. No Officer or Servant of the Society shall, on any account whatever, dispose of any article whatever to his own pecuniary profit, within the House, directly or indirectly. Servants not to trade.

LI. No Member shall, on any pretence or in any manner whatsoever, receive any profits or emoluments, directly or indirectly, from the Funds of the Society. Members not to participate in profits.

LII. No Member shall give any money (in the shape of change or otherwise) or gratuity to any of the Servants of the Society, except to the Messenger for services rendered by him. Members not to give gratuities to Servants. Messenger excepted.

LIII. No Officer or Servant of the Society shall, directly or indirectly, receive any present, money, or gratuity from any Tradesman employed by the Society, under pain of immediate dismissal. This penalty to apply in full force to the Tradesman who may offer the same directly or indirectly. Servants not to receive presents from Tradesmen.

Servants not to be sent out on errands.

LIV. No Servant of the Society (the Messenger excepted) shall be sent out of the House upon any errands on any pretence whatever.

Hours of opening and shutting the House.

LV. The Society's House shall be opened and ready for the reception of Members at Eight o'clock every morning, and shall be closed at One o'clock, A.M., after which hour no Member shall be admitted, or Refreshments served. Such Members, however, as may then be within the House, may remain till Two o'clock, when they must depart, and the House be finally closed.

By order of

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT,

JULIUS LE SOUËF,

SECRETARY.

15, *St. James' Square,*
Dec. 2nd., 1841.

REGULATIONS.

The following Regulations upon miscellaneous subjects, but all tending to the one grand object of securing to the great body of Members the largest quantity of comfort, economy, and convenience attainable, have been issued by the Committee, and are appended for the information of Members.

ENTRANCE HALL.

Members are requested to deposit their great coats, umbrellas, clogs, &c., in the hall (a servant being specially appointed to take charge of them) previous to entering into the apartments of the Society.

No Stranger is to be admitted to view the house unless accompanied by a Member, and it is recommended to Members not to introduce their friends except between the hours of twelve and five in the day.

The following Regulations have been issued as instructions to the Hall Porter.

The Hall Porter will enter in his book once a day the name of every Member coming into the Society.

Strangers calling for the purpose of seeing Members are to be shown into the reception-room, and the Hall Porter's assistant is to be immediately sent to apprize the Member wanted.

The Porter is not to open an account with any Member for postage, but to receive the postage of all letters from Members at the time of delivery.

Letters sent to the Society for Members whose addresses may not be known, are to be kept for twelve months, and if not claimed within that period to be returned to the post-office.

If a letter for an absent Member shall be applied for by another Member who may wish to forward it, the latter is to be required to pay the postage, if any, and to sign an acknowledgment in the Porter's book of his having received the letter, in case of any future question on the subject.

The Hall Porter is held responsible that the letters written in the Society and placed in the letter-boxes are dispatched at the proper hours: those for the London post to the nearest receiving house, immediately before the several periods of delivery each day, and the general-post letters and newspapers to the branch general post-office, at Charing-cross, at the prescribed periods.

No large boxes, or articles of luggage belonging to Members, can be admitted into the hall; bags or portmanteaus sent by Members wishing to dress, will of course be taken in, and conveyed at once to the dressing-rooms.

Any servant of a Member attending at the Society to assist his master to dress, is to be detained in the entrance hall until his services shall be required by his master in the dressing-room.

On inquiry being made at the Society by any Stranger, as to the address of a Member, the same is to be furnished, if known by the Porter, unless he shall have received orders from such Member to the contrary.

A MESSENGER

Attends in the hall for the purpose of being employed by Members in the conveyance of letters, messages, &c., for which he is remunerated by them according to a scale fixed by the Committee, and exhibited in the hall.

COFFEE-ROOM.

The Steward is to be in attendance during the coffee-room dinner hours, in order to see that the business is properly conducted by the Waiters, and to attend to and redress the complaints of Members.

The Butler attends the coffee-room in person, to supply the wines, &c., called for, and makes the charges for the same (according to the established prices) upon the dinner bills of Members.

Breakfasts and luncheons may be ordered until four o'clock; after that hour dinner prices commence—bills must be made out, and the "*table-money*" charged.

Suppers may be ordered until one o'clock, after which hour no orders of any description can be received.

Members, when ordering their dinners, are requested to fill up a form of dinner-bill *themselves*, and not employ a waiter to do it; and when friends dine with them, to insert their names, in addition to their own, on the dinner-bill.

Members having occasion to find fault with the provisions, cooking, attendance of servants, &c., are requested to send, in the first instance, to the Steward (*who is responsible for the conduct of the servants generally*), and if his

explanation shall not be satisfactory, a written complaint should be made to the Committee on the back of the dinner-bill, or *by letter* through the Secretary, which complaints will be brought before the House Committee by whom they are investigated, and such measures taken as may be considered best calculated to prevent their recurrence. Answers to all such complaints will be given, in writing, on the same dinner-bills, which it is the duty of the Steward to take the *earliest* opportunity of exhibiting to the complainants.

Articles of glass, earthenware, &c., which may be accidentally broken by Members, are to be paid for by them.

No account is to be opened by a Member with a waiter for articles taken in the coffee-room.

The Steward and servants are not permitted to give cash for the cheques or bills of Members.

DRAWING-ROOM FLOOR.

It is against the standing rules of the Society that any book or paper should be taken out of the house; and it is particularly recommended for general convenience,—

That no newspaper or book be removed from the room to which it has been appropriated into any other apartment of the house; unless it may be a book of reference to answer any temporary purpose, which should be immediately afterwards returned to its proper place;—

That books, after having been read, should be replaced in the position assigned to them either on the shelves or table;—and,

That no book or pamphlet, the property of the Society, be written upon, or advertisement cut from a newspaper.

It is desirable that no pamphlet, advertisement, or notice of any kind, be laid on the table, or put up in the Society, by a Member; but any pamphlet or paper which it may be wished to make known in the Society, should be sent to the Secretary, to be laid before the Committee, in order that their approval may be first obtained.

It is not considered advisable that any publication of a violent political or personal character, or that any applications from individuals for pecuniary contributions should have a place in the Society.

It is requested that writing by Members may be confined exclusively to the *writing-room*, where every accommodation and facility is afforded to them. Writing materials are placed in the *waiting-room*, but these are intended for the use of strangers who may wish to leave a note for a Member in his absence.

It is extremely desirable that the library and writing-room should be devoted exclusively to the purposes to which alone they are appropriated, namely, *reading and writing;* and Members are earnestly requested not to use them as rooms for meeting and for conversation.

Postage stamps (not less than six in number) may be obtained, on payment, from the servant in attendance upon the writing-room.

It is the duty of one of the waiters to be in constant attendance upon the writing-room and library; to have

charge of the postage stamps; to see that the writing tables are properly arranged, and supplied with stationery of every description, and that the inkstands are cleaned daily; to have charge of the books and maps in the library, &c., and of the newspapers and pamphlets in the drawing-room; to ascertain daily that all books are in their proper places, to keep them free from dust, and to make an immediate report to the Secretary of any book or paper that may be missing; and also to attend to the supply of books from the circulating library.

The charges made in the card-room are as under:—
Members playing with new cards to pay one shilling each.
Ditto . . . old ditto . . sixpence each.
The old cards are afterwards disposed of to members at one shilling per pack.

It has been a subject of complaint that Members have occasionally placed their feet upon the couches and sofas; this is so obviously objectionable, as being injurious to the furniture and as interfering with the cleanliness and comfort of gentlemen afterwards occupying the seats so misused, that it is only necessary to mention the practice to insure its discontinuance.

No eatables beyond a sandwich, biscuit, or muffin, are allowed in the rooms up stairs.

No servant can be allowed to enter the room where a general meeting is assembled, to deliver a message to a Member, or for any other purpose.

DRESSING-ROOMS.

No dressing-room can be occupied by the servant of a Member previous to the arrival of his master to dress.

Any portmanteau, bag, or luggage of any kind, brought by the servants of Members into the dressing-rooms, is to be taken away immediately after use, and not to be allowed to remain in the house to be used on any future occasion.

No servant of the Society to be employed by any Member to assist him in dressing.

No servant of a Member to be allowed to go down into the lower or basement story of the house.

The same rule as to payment for articles of earthenware which may be broken, applies here as noted under the head of "Coffee-room."

Members are requested to give notice, in writing, to the Secretary, *by letter*, of any irregularity or neglect on the part of the servants. And no application for reinstatement from a servant who may have been dismissed on the representation of a Member, shall be read or taken into consideration, unless it shall come through, and be recommended by, the Member for misconduct to whom he was dismissed.

Resolved, That these Regulations be printed, framed and suspended in the several departments to which they apply.

By Order of the Committee,

JULIUS LE SOUËF, Secretary.

Colonial Society's House,
11*th December*, 1841.